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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**


In an Election Requirement mailed on July 30, 2002 (Paper Number 20) in the above-referenced case, the Examiner requested election of a single disclosed species of *allergen protein*, although available species were not listed.

Applicant appreciates the burden associated with searching the presently claimed invention to its full and proper scope, and therefore invites the Examiner to begin her analysis with food allergen proteins. If more specificity is required, the Examiner is invited to begin her analysis with peanut allergen proteins, and specifically Ara h 1, 2, and 3.

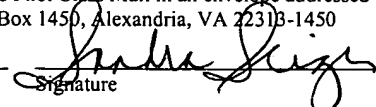
It is Applicant's understanding that there are no fees associated with this matter. Should this understanding be in error, please charge any fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

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